

# 2008 Current Fiscal Year Report: Advisory Committee on Synthesis and Assessment, Impacts of Climate Variability and Change on Transportation Systems and Infrastructure, Gulf Coast Study

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<b>1. Department or Agency</b>		<b>2. Fiscal Year</b>	
Department of Transportation		2008	
<b>3. Committee or Subcommittee</b>		<b>3b. GSA Committee No.</b>	
Advisory Committee on Synthesis and Assessment, Impacts of Climate Variability and Change on Transportation Systems and Infrastructure, Gulf Coast Study		29131	
<b>4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?</b>	<b>5. Current Charter</b>	<b>6. Expected Renewal Date</b>	<b>7. Expected Term Date</b>
No	06/06/2006	06/06/2008	06/05/2008
<b>8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?</b>	<b>8b. Specific Termination Authority</b>		<b>8c. Actual Term Date</b>
Yes	Report complete/FAC terminated under Ag. Authority		06/05/2008
<b>9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year</b>	<b>10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?</b>	<b>10b. Legislation Pending?</b>	
Terminate	No		
<b>11. Establishment Authority</b>	Agency Authority		
<b>12. Specific Establishment Authority</b>	<b>13. Effective Date</b>	<b>14. Committee Type</b>	<b>14c. Presidential?</b>
Agency Authority	06/06/2006	Continuing	No
<b>15. Description of Committee</b> Other Committee			
<b>16a. Total Number of Reports</b>		1	
<b>16b. Report Date</b>		<b>Report Title</b>	
03/13/2008		Gulf Coast Study	
<b>Number of Committee Reports Listed: 1</b>			
<b>17a. Open Meetings and Dates</b>	<b>17b. Closed Meetings and Dates</b>	<b>17c. Partially Closed Meetings and Dates</b>	<b>17d. Total Other Activities</b>
No Meetings			0
<b>18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members</b>		<b>Current FY</b>	<b>Next FY</b>
		\$0.00	\$0.00

<b>18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff</b>	\$30,000.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants</b>	\$50,000.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18d. Total</b>	\$80,000.00	\$0.00
<b>19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)</b>	0.00	0.00

**20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?**

The committee provides technical advice and recommendations to DOT. The committee provides perspectives on the implementation and refinement of the study approach; provides expert guidance on transportation-sector information needs and potential climate change impacts; reviews the synthesis of climate data, status and trends analyses, and scientific literature relevant to the project; and reviews and comments on data products and preliminary findings at the request of DOT to help develop the S&A Draft Product Report.

**20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?**

The committee is comprised on 14 members representing scientists, educators, experts, and representatives of state and local governments and other organizations engaged in transportation decision-making and related matters.

**20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?**

The committee will meet at least once, but additional meetings may be called as deemed necessary by the DFO to fulfill its purpose. The members will meet to discuss the study design, research methodology, data sources and quality, and study findings of the S&A Draft Product.

**20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?**

The committee is necessary to assist DOT in developing a draft CCSP Synthesis and Assessment Product.

**20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?**

All meetings will be open to the public, except as provided under FACA.

## 21. Remarks

The Gulf Coast Study FAC has completed its work and the report has been issued by the Climate Change Science Program.

### Designated Federal Officer

Mike Savonis DFO

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Arroyo, Vicki	06/01/2006	06/01/2008	Pew Center - Climate Assessment	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Bedient, Phil	06/01/2006	06/01/2008	Rice University	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Boske, Leigh	06/01/2006	06/01/2008	University of Texas	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Clark, Alan	06/01/2006	06/01/2008	Houston Galveston Area Council	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Dennin, Fred	06/01/2006	06/01/2008	Federal Railroad Administration	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Fischbeck, Paul	06/01/2006	06/01/2008	Carnegie Mellon University	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Janetos, Anthony	06/01/2006	06/01/2008	University of Maryland	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Karl, Tom	06/01/2006	06/01/2008	National Climate Data Center	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Lempert, Robert	06/01/2006	06/01/2008	Rand Corporation	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Mitchell, Gilbert	06/01/2006	06/01/2008	National Geodetic Survey	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Oynes, Chris	06/01/2006	06/01/2008	Minerals Management Service	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Paul, Harold	06/01/2006	06/01/2008	Louisiana DOT	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Podany, Tom	06/01/2006	06/01/2008	US Army Corps of Engineers	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Stewart, Burr	06/01/2006	06/01/2008	Seattle Tacoma International Airport	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Wilkinson, Elaine	06/01/2006	06/01/2008	Gulfport Regional Planning Commission	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Zamurs, John	06/01/2006	06/01/2008	NYS DOT	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

**Number of Committee Members Listed: 16**

### Narrative Description

Provide expert guidance on transportation-sector information needs and potential climate change impacts.

**What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?**

Checked if Applies

Improvements to health or safety



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|---|-------------------------------------|
| Trust in government                               | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Major policy changes                              | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Advance in scientific research                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Effective grant making                            | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Improved service delivery                         | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Increased customer satisfaction                   | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Other   | <input type="checkbox"/>            |

### Outcome Comments

NA

### What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

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|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| None                       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Unable to Determine        | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Under \$100,000            | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| \$100,000 - \$500,000      | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| \$500,001 - \$1,000,000    | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| \$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000  | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| \$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Over \$10,000,000          | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Cost Savings Other         | <input type="checkbox"/>            |

### Cost Savings Comments

NA

### What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

0

### Number of Recommendations Comments

0

### What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

0%

### % of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

NA

**What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?**

0%

**% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments**

0

**Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?**

Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Applicable ☒

**Agency Feedback Comments**

NA

**What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?**

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Action Comments**

NA

**Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?**

No

**Grant Review Comments**

NA

**How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?**

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Online Committee Web Site  
Online GSA FACA Web Site  
Publications  
Other

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**Access Comments**

N/A